**Water from Nangal Hydel Channel to Ropar Thermal Plant**

†*220. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details about the supply of water from the Nangal hydel channel to the Ropar Thermal plant;

(b) whether there is any inter-State agreement on this project; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI SHIV SHANKAR): (a) to (c) In the interest of expeditious commissioning of Stage-I of Ropar Thermal Power Station, an Agreement has been reached between the Chif Ministers of Rajasthan, Haryana and Governor of Punjab and Government of India for the supply of cooling water for the Thermal Station from Nangal Hydel Channel, which is a common water carrier for meeting the requirements of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi. As per the present arrangements, 600 cusecs of water will be supplied from the Nangal Hydel channel to cater to the open cooling cycle system already installed for the Stage-I of the RTPS. with a view to reducing the off-take of cooling water from the Nangal Hydel Channel, Punjab will consider the installation of a closed cycle cooling arrangement with cooling towers for Stage-I, and will undertake installation of cooling towers for cooling water supply for Stage-II, of the RTPS. The administration, maintenance and operation of the regulator for the supply of cooling water to the RTPS will vest with the Bhakra Beas Management Board. The arrangements will be reviewed by the parties concerned after a period of one year.

†Previously Starred Question 160 transferred from the 1st August, 1984.

**Notification banning strikes in Coal mines**

‡1296. SHRI KALYAN ROY:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations dated 12th July, 1984 from a Member of Parliament and the General Secretary, Indian Mine Workers' Federation against the issue of a notification under the Essential Services Maintenance Act banning all strikes in coal mines;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to discuss the entire matter with the representatives of all Central trade unions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representation refers mainly to withdrawal of notification banning strikes in Coal India under ESMA and calling a meeting of JBCCI as per NCWA-III.

(c) There is no proposal to discuss the issue of withdrawal of ban on strikes in CIL with the Central Trade Unions. The CIL proposes to convene a meeting of JBCCI, shortly.

‡Previously unstarred question 542 transferred from the 26th July, 1984.